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5 February 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT   :   MIT CASCON Project

1. Members of my staff, IHC/SS and CIA/OCI have investigated the MIT - Professor Lincoln Bloomfield's - CASCON (LIMITED WAR) computer model. Our initial conclusions are that CASCON is not useful in its present form for senior level people.

2. We have had meetings and discussions with ACDA, State, ARPA and JCS-SAGA (Studies Analysis and Gaming) personnel regarding CASCON. None of these agencies have used CASCON for any operational purposes and are not currently interested in CASCON. There are similar models that ARPA and SAGA are presently interested in and we intend to explore these related models. Furthermore, it appears that we should have closer contact with these agencies since the intelligence community problems are similar in nature to their problems.

3. Our investigation to date suggests that CASCON may be useful for lower level people for use as a training aid or as a checklist/to raise flags or indicators when using it with substantive data. We will continue this investigation.

The overall basic goals and objectives are sound and techniques of this type should be pursued and refined for substantive intelligence analysts use.

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4. We have taken/to obtain a terminal to enter the ARPANET so that we can more fully explore the capabilities of this network which includes many other applications programs including CASCON.

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   My prior plan was to subsume this in our
ARPA NET experimental project, to say that we
are investigating further. If that doesn't
gos, I'll have to write ☐ on CASCON by   25X1
itself. Our investigation, including ☐   25X1
et al. led us to conclude CASCON had nothing
much, if anything, for our use at this time.

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